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IS IT HURT?
I DON'T KNOW.
IS IT OKAY?
I DON'T KNOW.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
I DON'T KNOW!
I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG IT'S BEEN HERE...
IF YOU TOUCH IT DOESN'T THAT MEAN THE MOTHER WON'T TAKE IT BACK?
I'M NOT SURE--
WELL, SHOULDN'T YOU KNOW?
I MEAN, I'VE HEARD THAT, BUT--
HEY!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "I SHOULD KNOW"?
WELL I MEAN... YOU'RE A SEAL...
I'M A SELKIE, MAES! I'M NOT--
HEY, IT'S MOVING!

COW'S ON MY SIDE!
WE ARE NOT PLAYING ROAD GAMES.
ANYBODY TOLD YOU WHAT A BARREL OF GIGGLES YOU ARE, MS. RIENKEMEYER?
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Arkansas
THE NATURAL STATE
BUCKLE UP FOR SAFETY
THE OZARKS
MAY, 2005

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DON'T SEE WHY YOU COULDN'T CATCH A RIDE WITH THAT RAVEN.
'FRAID A'HEIGHTS.
CAN WE TURN ON TH' RADIO?
TOUCH THAT AND I THROW YOU IN THE BACK.
YOU CAN PLAY ALL THE STUPID ROAD GAMES AN' SING YOUR LITTLE HEART OUT ALL YOU WANT WITH YER FRIEND BACK THERE.
NO MA'AM!
IT'S NO PROBLEM. I BET YOU COULD FIT THROUGH THE WINDOW EASY ENOUGH.
NO MA'AM! I'M FINE RIGHT HERE!

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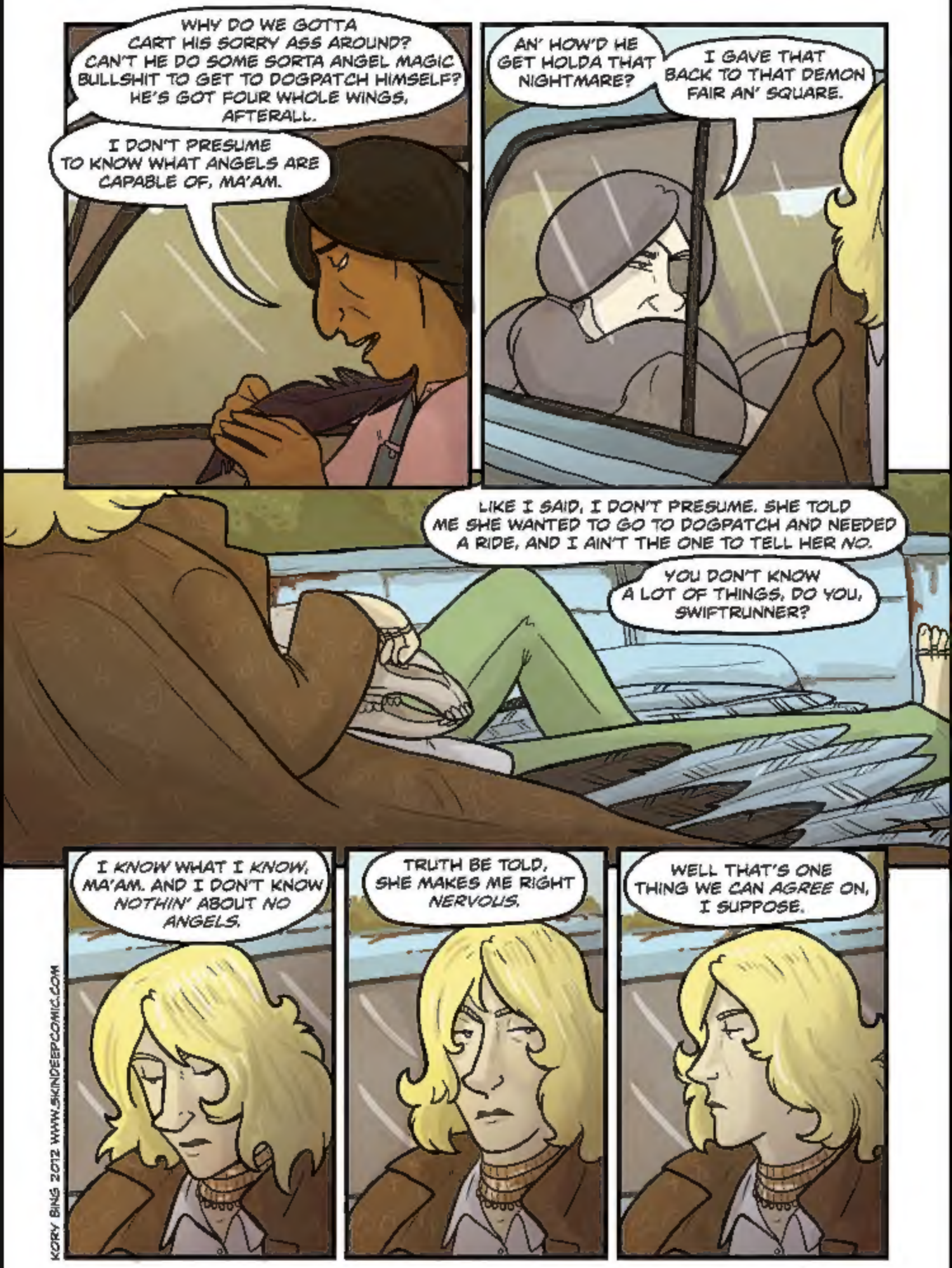
WHY DO WE GOTTA CART HIS SORRY ASS AROUND? CAN'T HE DO SOME SORTA ANGEL MAGIC BULLSHIT TO GET TO DOGPATCH HIMSELF? HE'S GOT FOUR WHOLE WINGS, AFTERALL.
I DON'T PRESUME TO KNOW WHAT ANGELS ARE CAPABLE OF, MA'AM.
AN' HOW'D HE GET HOLDA THAT NIGHTMARE?
I GAVE THAT BACK TO THAT DEMON FAIR AN' SQUARE.
LIKE I SAID, I DON'T PRESUME. SHE TOLD ME SHE WANTED TO GO TO DOGPATCH AND NEEDED A RIDE, AND I AIN'T THE ONE TO TELL HER NO.
YOU DON'T KNOW A LOT OF THINGS, DO YOU, SWIFTRUNNER?
I KNOW WHAT I KNOW, MA'AM. AND I DON'T KNOW NOTHIN' ABOUT NO ANGELS.
TRUTH BE TOLD, SHE MAKES ME RIGHT NERVOUS.
WELL THAT'S ONE THING WE CAN AGREE ON, I SUPPOSE.

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I DIDN'T THINK BUGBEARS GOT NERVOUS.
WE DON'T.
SOMETHIN' ISN'T SITTIN' RIGHT WITH ME. ALL OTHER CRITTERS SHOW UP IN MY HEAD, LIKE A RADAR BLIP, ALL 'CEPT OTHER BUGBEARS.
EVEN DEMONS SHOW UP. THAT ONE BACK THERE, THOUGH, HE DON'T REGISTER, AND I KNOW HE AIN'T A BUGBEAR.
KEEP TREATING ME LIKE I CAN'T HEAR YOU. I'M SURE I DON'T MIND.
HOW FAR IS THIS DOGPATCH LOCATION OF YOURS?
'BOUT ANOTHER FORTY MINUTES, MISTER. I'M GETTIN' THERE AS FAST AS I CAN.
MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T AUGHTA CALL HER "MISTER."

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WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WELL, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT MOST LADIES DON'T LIKE BEING CALLED 'MISTER' IS ALL.
I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY WOMEN YOU'VE SEEN IN YOUR LIFE, SWIFTRUNNER, BUT THAT BACK THERE AIN'T NO LADY.
WHAT? WELL SHE SURE AS HELL AIN'T NO MAN!
HOW ABOUT WE DON'T TALK ABOUT ME ANYMORE?
CLICK
THAT ALRIGHT WITH YOU KIDS?
YES, SIR.
YES, MA'AM.
GLAD TO SEE THERE'S A CONSENSUS.
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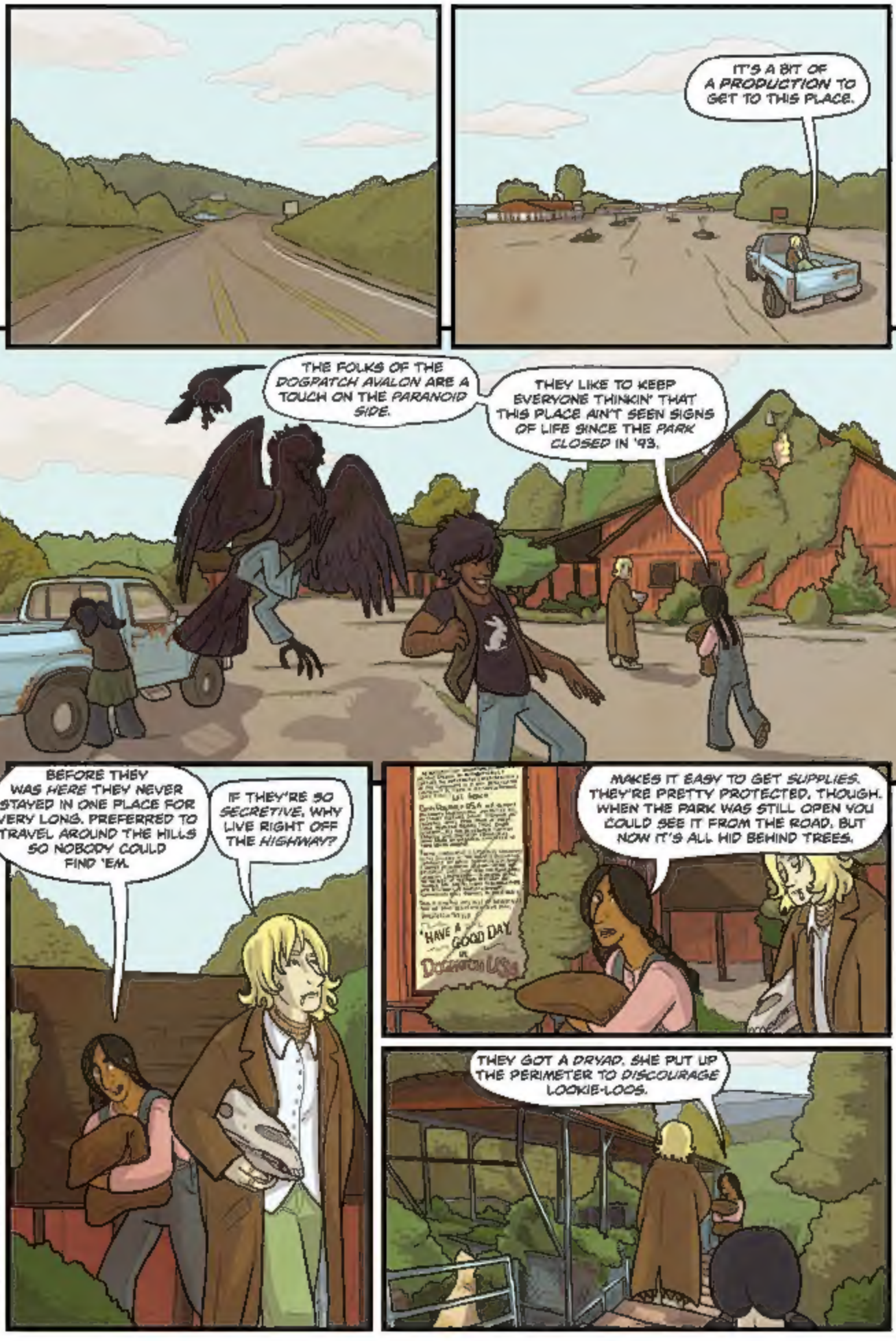
IT'S A BIT OF A PRODUCTION TO GET TO THIS PLACE.
THE FOLKS OF THE DOGPATCH AVALON ARE A TOUCH ON THE PARANOID SIDE.
THEY LIKE TO KEEP EVERYONE THINKIN' THAT THIS PLACE AIN'T SEEN SIGNS OF LIFE SINCE THE PARK CLOSED IN '93.
BEFORE THEY WAS HERE THEY NEVER STAYED IN ONE PLACE FOR VERY LONG. PREFERRED TO TRAVEL AROUND THE HILLS SO NOBODY COULD FIND 'EM.
IF THEY'RE SO SECRETIVE, WHY LIVE RIGHT OFF THE HIGHWAY?
MAKES IT EASY TO GET SUPPLIES. THEY'RE PRETTY PROTECTED, THOUGH. WHEN THE PARK WAS STILL OPEN YOU COULD SEE IT FROM THE ROAD. BUT NOW IT'S ALL HID BEHIND TREES.
HAVE A GOOD DAY
THEY GOT A DRYAD. SHE PUT UP THE PERIMETER TO DISCOURAGE LOOKIE-LOOS.

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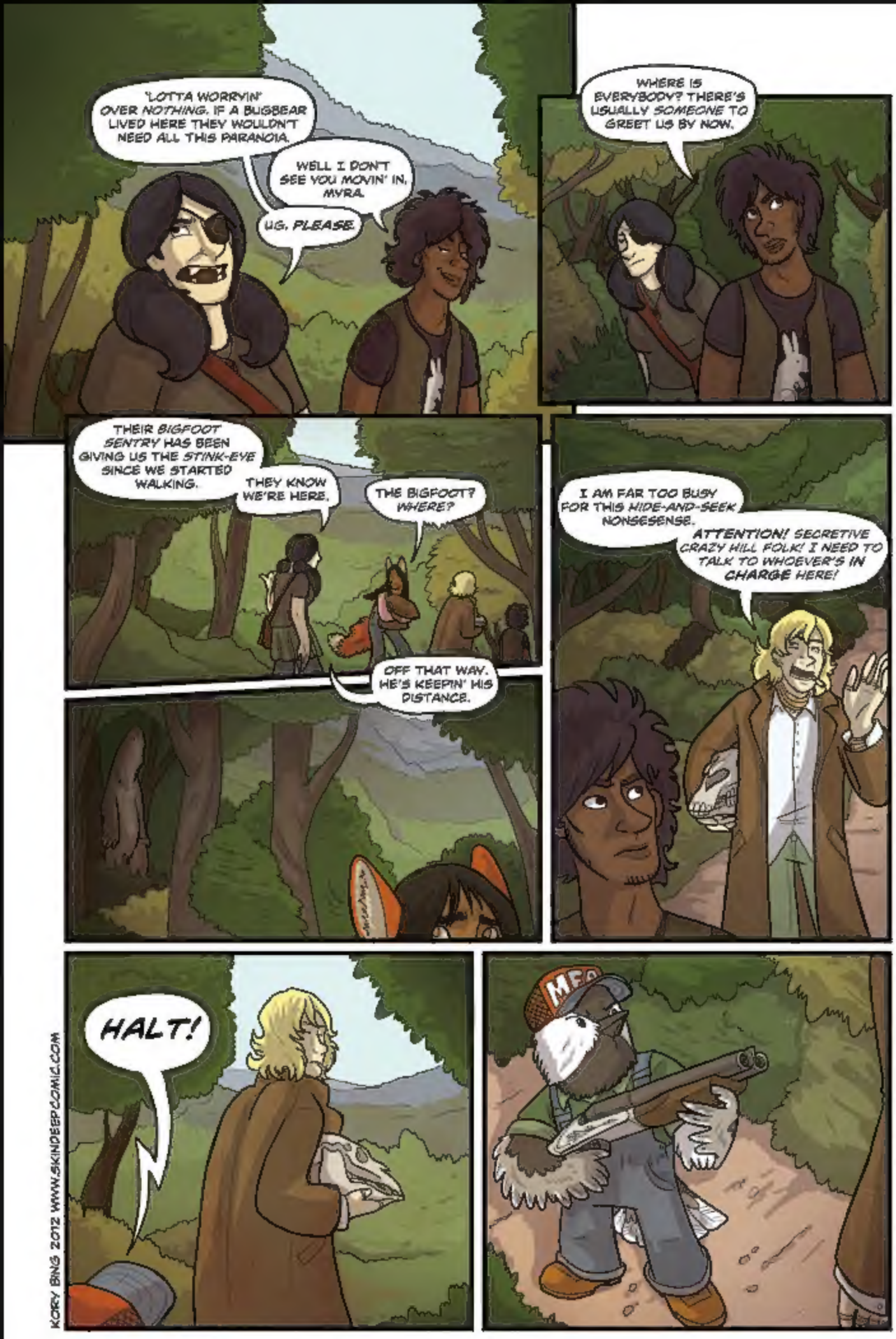
'LOTTA WORRYIN' OVER NOTHING. IF A BUGBEAR LIVED HERE THEY WOULDN'T NEED ALL THIS PARANOIA.
WELL I DON'T SEE YOU MOVIN' IN, MYRA.
UG, PLEASE.
WHERE IS EVERYBODY? THERE'S USUALLY SOMEONE TO GREET US BY NOW.
THEIR BIGFOOT SENTRY HAS BEEN GIVING US THE STINK-EYE SINCE WE STARTED WALKING.
THEY KNOW WE'RE HERE.
THE BIGFOOT? WHERE?
OFF THAT WAY. HE'S KEEPIN' HIS DISTANCE.
I AM FAR TOO BUSY FOR THIS HIDE-AND-SEEK NONSENSE.
ATTENTION! SECRETIVE CRAZY HILL FOLK! I NEED TO TALK TO WHOEVER'S IN CHARGE HERE!
HALT!

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OH, WONDERFUL. PEOPLE DO LIVE HERE. I WAS BEGINNING TO THINK I WAS THE BUTT OF SOME BIGBEAR PRANK.
A PRANK REQUIRES SOMETHING TO BE FUNNY.
NO HUMANS! STRICTLY ENFORCED!
OH FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD, HANK. HE'S WITH US. AND HE AIN'T NO HUMAN.
I AIN'T, UH.. I WAS TOLD NO VISITORS! AIN'T SUPPOSED TO LET FOLK IN!
IF THAT WERE TRUE, NOBODY TOLD YER SKUNK APE BACK THERE. HE DIDN'T STOP US FROM WALKIN' RIGHT IN.
LOOK, DO WHAT YOU GOTTA, BUT I HAVE AN ORDER WITH DOGWOOD THAT NEEDS PICKIN' UP AND THEN I'M OUTTA HERE.
THERE'S SOMETHIN' OFF ABOUT THIS PLACE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, AND THAT DOESN'T MAKE ME TERRIBLY KEEN ON STAYING HERE FOR LONGER THAN I GOTTA.
LISTEN, HANK. I KNOW YOU'RE JUST FOLLOWING RULES, BUT BABE HERE'S A FRIENDLY. ALL WE NEED IS TO TALK TO OL' IVORY ABOUT HIS SENTRIES.
THE SENTRIES?

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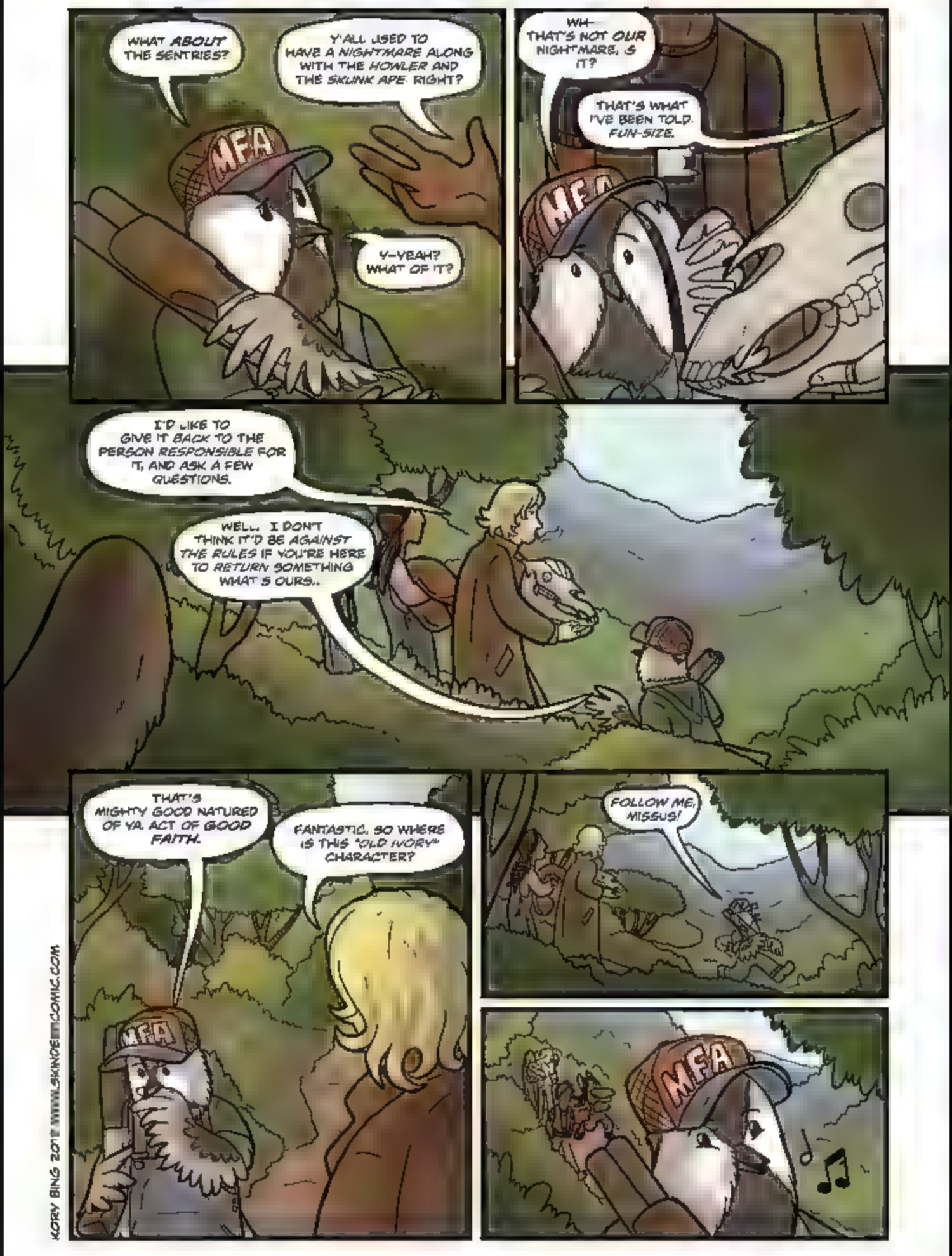
WHAT ABOUT THE SENTRIES?
Y'ALL USED TO HAVE A NIGHTMARE ALONG WITH THE HOWLER AND THE SKUNK APE. RIGHT?
Y-YEAH? WHAT OF IT?
WH- THAT'S NOT OUR NIGHTMARE, IS IT?
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD. FUN-SIZE.
I'D LIKE TO GIVE IT BACK TO THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR IT, AND ASK A FEW QUESTIONS.
WELL.. I DON'T THINK IT'D BE AGAINST THE RULES IF YOU'RE HERE TO RETURN SOMETHING WHAT'S OURS..
THAT'S MIGHTY GOOD NATURED OF YA. ACT OF GOOD FAITH.
FANTASTIC. SO WHERE IS THIS "OLD IVORY" CHARACTER?
FOLLOW ME, MISSUS!
MFA

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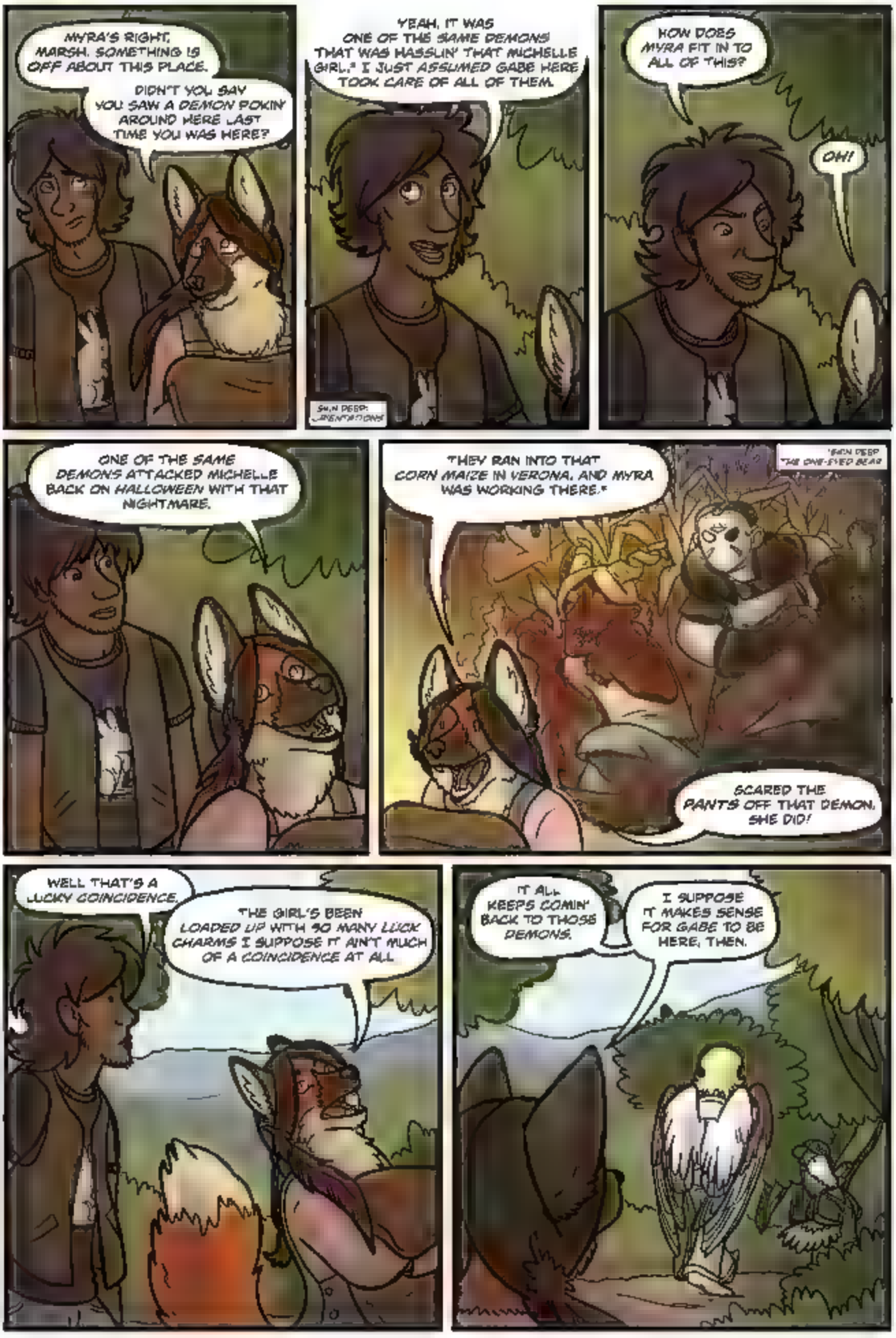
MYRA'S RIGHT, MARSH. SOMETHING IS OFF ABOUT THIS PLACE.
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU SAW A DEMON POKIN' AROUND HERE LAST TIME YOU WAS HERE?
YEAH, IT WAS ONE OF THE SAME DEMONS THAT WAS HASSLIN' THAT MICHELLE GIRL.* I JUST ASSUMED GABE HERE TOOK CARE OF ALL OF THEM.
SKIN DEEP: INTENTIONS
HOW DOES MYRA FIT IN TO ALL OF THIS?
OH!
ONE OF THE SAME DEMONS ATTACKED MICHELLE BACK ON HALLOWEEN WITH THAT NIGHTMARE.
THEY RAN INTO THAT CORN MAIZE IN VERONA, AND MYRA WAS WORKING THERE.*
SKIN DEEP THE ONE-EYED BEAR
SCARED THE PANTS OFF THAT DEMON, SHE DID!
WELL THAT'S A LUCKY COINCIDENCE.
THE GIRL'S BEEN LOADED UP WITH SO MANY LUCK CHARMS I SUPPOSE IT AIN'T MUCH OF A COINCIDENCE AT ALL
IT ALL KEEPS COMIN' BACK TO THOSE DEMONS.
I SUPPOSE IT MAKES SENSE FOR GABE TO BE HERE, THEN.

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SO, MONSTER SENTRIES?
YES, MISS! THESE HILLS HOLD LOTS OF SECRETS, BUT HUMANS LOVE TO POKE AROUND PLACES THEY AIN'T SUPPOSED TO BE.
MFA
OUR SENTRIES KEEP THEM SCARED OFF WHAT'S OURS.
OL' FOUKE IS OUR MAIN ONE, HE IS. WE PICKED HIM UP DOWN IN THE '70S WHEN WE WAS LIVIN' DOWN SOUTH AROUND BOGGY CREEK. YOU KNOW WHERE BOGGY CREEK IS?
DOWN SOUTH I GATHER.
TOO SOUTH FOR US. WE NORMALLY STICK TO THE MOUTAINS, WE DO. EASIER TO HIDE IN THE HILLS. OL' FOUKE HELPED US DOWN THERE, AND HE STAYED WITH US WHEN WE MOVED BACK UP NORTH.
WE GOT AN OZARK HOWLER, TOO. HE AN' FOUKE DON'T LIKE EACH OTHER NONE, SO THEY STAY ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF DOGPATCH.
YOU'RE PRETTY CHATTY SUDDENLY
SORRY. IT'S NERVES. AIN'T NEVER SEEN NO ANGEL BEFORE, I APOLOGIZE. DIDN'T THINK ANGELS WERE A REAL THING, EVEN! HEARD ABOUT 'EM. WE'RE A SMALL COMMUNITY, DON'T WANT NO TROUBLE. JUST WANT TO BE LET ALONE. PRIVATE LOT.
THAT MUCH I HAVE SEEN.

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SO, UH, IF YOU'RE AN ANGEL, DOES THAT MEAN, WELL WHAT I'M SAYING IS, DO YOU KNOW--
IF YOU'RE GOING TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT RELIGION YOU CAN STOP RIGHT THERE.
MFA
OH. UH. ALRIGHTY THEN.
IVORY?
IVORY? IVORY, YOU IN?
BE WITH YUH IN A MOMENT HENRY
WE FOUND IT, IVORY! SHE'S BACK! WE GOT HER BACK!
GOT WHO BACK, HENRY?

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OUR NIGHTMARE!
YOU DID? WHERE IS SHE?
HERE YOU GO, CRUSTY
MAYBE YOU COULD TELL ME HOW THAT MANAGED TO GET INTO THE HANDS OF A DEMON ALL THE WAY UP IN VERONA?
MISSOURI? HMM, NO CAN'T SAY THAT I CAN.
WHAT DID YOU SAY YOUR NAME WAS, FRIEND?
I'M CALLED GABE.
I CAN'T SAY I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, GABE. NIGHTMARES ARE FINICKY CRITTERS TO BEGIN WITH.
WE JUST FIGURED SHE SLIPPED OUTTA OUR CONTROL. MY BOYS HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR HER FOR MONTHS
YOUR BOYS?
MY HELPERS. THEY TAKE CARE OF THE BEASTS.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE ONE IN CHARGE OF THE SENTRIES?
I AM, BUT I CAN'T GET AROUND THE SAME WAY I USED TO. TEACHIN' THE BOYS ALL I KNOW BEFORE I'M GONE FOR GOOD.
I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT SPIRIT ANIMALS LIKE YOURSELF WERE IMMORTAL.

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I RECKON YOU'VE ONLY SEEN SPIRITS CONNECTED TO HEALTHY ANIMALS. FOXES, RAVENS, LITTLE CHICKADEES LIKE HENRY HERE.
YOU EVER SEE AN IVORY-BILLED WOODPECKER, GABE?
NOT IN RECENT MEMORY
NOBODY HAS! NOT FOR DECADES. HUMANS RAN 'EM ALL OUT THERE'S AT LEAST ONE SOMEWHERE ELSE I WOULDN'T BE HERE.
I DON'T GOT MUCH TIME LEFT, SO I GAVE THE BEASTS TO THE BOYS. TAUGHT 'EM HOW TO KEEP 'EM UNDER CONTROL. TAKE GOOD CARE OF 'EM SO THEY DON'T RUN OFF
THEY STILL ANSWER TO ME, THE BEASTS, I MEAN. BUT THE BOYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY
I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE SOMEONE CAN HANDLE THEM WHEN I'M GONE FOR GOOD.
PAT PAT
YOU DON'T SOUND TOO HEARTBROKEN FOR SOMEONE NEAR DEATH. I'D BE PRETTY CROSS WITH HUMANS.
FEH. I'VE BEEN ALIVE FOR A LONG TIME, ANGEL. IT'S TOO MUCH WORK TO STAY ANGRY I NEVER THOUGHT I'D DIE. KINDA CURIOUS AS TO WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN.

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ANY CHANCE I COULD HAVE A WORD WITH THESE HELPERS OF YOURS?
I WAS JES' ABOUT TO CALL 'EM OVER.
OBI! RICKY! GET IN HERE, BOYS!
YEAH, BOSS?
I WAS JES' ABOUT T'MUCK OUT THE GOAT CORRAL, SORRY FOR--
UH..
YOU CAN STOP STARING.
I'M AN ANGEL. ANGELS ARE REAL.
ANGELS ARE REAL.
O-OKAY
THIS AIN'T ABOUT THE GOAT PENS, RICKY. WHERE'S OBI AT?
H-HE'S OUT FEEDIN' THE HOWLER, SIR. W-WANT ME TO GO GET HIM?
NAH, LET HIM FINISH HIS JOB. LOOK WHAT WE FOUND.
NIGHTMARE! YOU FOUND HER! I WAS SURE WE WEREN'T NEVER GONNA SEE HER AGAIN!

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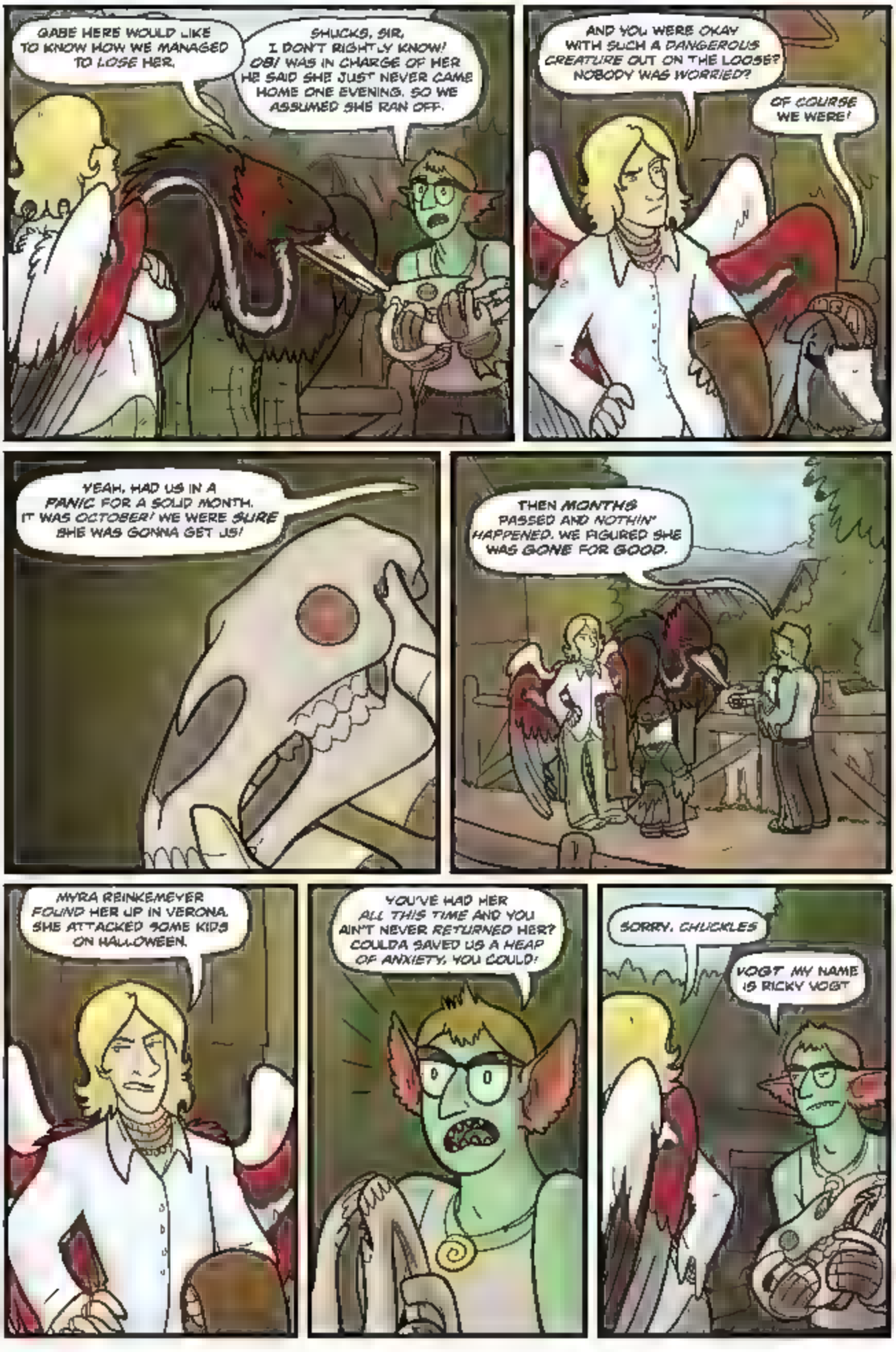
GABE HERE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW WE MANAGED TO LOSE HER.
SHUCKS, SIR, I DON'T RIGHTLY KNOW! OB! WAS IN CHARGE OF HER HE SAID SHE JUST NEVER CAME HOME ONE EVENING. SO WE ASSUMED SHE RAN OFF.
AND YOU WERE OKAY WITH SUCH A DANGEROUS CREATURE OUT ON THE LOOSE? NOBODY WAS WORRIED?
OF COURSE WE WERE!
YEAH, HAD US IN A PANIC FOR A SOLID MONTH. IT WAS OCTOBER! WE WERE SURE SHE WAS GONNA GET US!
THEN MONTHS PASSED AND NOTHIN' HAPPENED. WE FIGURED SHE WAS GONE FOR GOOD.
MYRA REINKEMEYER FOUND HER UP IN VERONA. SHE ATTACKED SOME KIDS ON HALLOWEEN.
YOU'VE HAD HER ALL THIS TIME AND YOU AIN'T NEVER RETURNED HER? COULDA SAVED US A HEAP OF ANXIETY, YOU COULD!
SORRY. CHUCKLES
VOGT. MY NAME IS RICKY VOGT

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SORRY, RICKY I WAS JUST RECENTLY INFORMED THAT THE NIGHTMARE CAME FROM DOGPATCH.
DESPITE THE FEAR SHE CAUSED YOU, YOU STILL WANT HER BACK?
SURE! SHE AIN'T NEVER HURT NONE OF US, MISTER. SHE WAS A GREAT WATCHGUARD. AS LONG AS WE GAVE HER DEERS AND SUCH TO EAT SHE LEFT US RIGHT ALONE. HONESTLY SHE'S THE ONLY SENTRY THAT AIN'T NEVER HURT NONE OF US ACCIDENTALLY
I SURE AM FOND OF HER.
HOW WAS IT YOU SAID YOU GOT HER?
WON HER OFF A DEMON IN A GAME OF POKER
AHHHHHHHHHHHH
THAT SOUNDS LIKE OB!!!
OH GOOD LORD, I HOPE THE HOWLER AIN'T GOT HIM!!

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HELP!
IT'S COMIN' FROM DOGWOOD'S PLACE!
HELP!
SHE'S CRAZY, SHE IS! GET HER OFF ME! HELP!
MISS REINKEMEYER, STOP!
I TOLD YOU THERE WAS SOMETHIN' OFF ABOUT THIS PLACE. I TOLD YOU!
MYRA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
THIS LITTLE TOAD RIGHT HERE, HE'S THE REASON NOTHIN' FEELS RIGHT AROUND HERE!
I CAUGHT HIM GETTIN' READY TO SET THEIR HOWLER ON US.
I WAS JUST FEEDIN' HER! THAT'S MY JOB!
THIS CRAZY MONSTER JUST ATTACKED ME! I WEREN'T DOIN' NOTHIN', I SWEAR!
ALL YER TALKIN' DON'T CHANGE WHAT I KNOW, OBIDIAH!
YOU CAN'T HIDE FROM A BUGBEAR
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HANK, WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT THIS YOUNG MAN HERE?
THAT THERE IS OBIDIAH TRAGOS.
HE AN' HIS FAMILY HAVE LIVED IN THE AVALON SINCE BEFORE WE CAME TO DOGPATCH! AIN'T NEVER GAVE US NO REASON NOT TO TRUST HIM.
YOU CALLIN' ME A LIAR, PEEWEE??
TRAGOS?
DO YOU KNOW OF A FELLOW SATYR NAMED GREGORY TRAGOS, OBIDIAH?
WHO?
TH-THE TRAGOS FAMILY IS BIG! WE GOT KIN ALL OVER THESE PARTS. LOTS ARE UNTURNED, EVEN. I DON'T KNOW NONE OF 'EM OUTSIDE OF DOGPATCH.
THERE. I ANSWERED YOUR QUESTION. CAN I GO? I AIN'T DONE NOTHIN'!
NOT A CHANCE!
HMM.
HAVE YOU NOTICED HIM ACTING OUT OF CHARACTER, LATELY?
WELL, HE'S BEEN KINDA SICKLY SINCE WE LOST NIGHTMARE, BUT HE'S JUST BEEN WORKIN' HARDER WITH OL' FOUKE AND THE HOWLER.
YEAH! I M OVERWORKED! EVERYONE KNOWS IT!

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MYRA, LET HIM DOWN.
LIKE HELL!! HE AIN'T RIGHT, I DON'T CARE IF NOBODY ELSE BELIEVES ME!
I DIDN'T SAY I DIDN'T BELIEVE YOU.
:COUGH:
:KAFF:
THANK YOU, FRIEND.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HER. :COUGH:
I M GLAD SOMEONE AROUND HERE LISTENS TO REASON.
WAIT; WHAT ARE YOU--
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OB!!!
DO NOT INTERFERE, VOGT.
HIIIIIIS
AH, THERE WE ARE.
GABE, YOU MISERABLE PIECE OF SHIT!!
HOW DARE YOU--
DAMIEN, DARLING. THAT'S NO WAY TO SPEAK TO AN OLD FRIEND, IS IT?
I KNEW WHEN I WON THAT NIGHTMARE OFF YOUR BROTHER THAT THERE'D BE MORE OF YOU SKULKING ABOUT.
THIS IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, YOU FILTHY ANIMAL.
WORDS HURT, DAMIEN.
NNGGGAAH

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I KEEP SENDING YOU AND YOUR BROTHERS BACK TO DIS, AND YET YOU KEEP POPPING UP AROUND HERE. WHY IS THAT, I WONDER?
YOU'RE HURTING OBI!
RELAX, HENRY. NO MATTER HOW MUCH I WANT TO AT TIMES, I AM INCAPABLE OF HARMING ANYONE WHO DOESN'T COMPLETELY DESERVE IT.
OBIDIAH IS FINE.
ALTHOUGH I'M SURE HE'D FEEL BETTER IF HE DIDN'T HAVE YOUR GREASY LITTLE FINGERS WRAPPED AROUND HIS SOUL, RIGHT, DAMIEN?
PRETTY CLEVER. GETTING HOLD OF SOMEONE WITH TIES TO THE SPHINX YOU WANT SO BADLY. TELL ME. DID YOU THINK BY USING A TRAGOS YOU'D BE A STEP CLOSER TO JOCASTA?
COINCIDENCE ONLY, ANGEL. I NEEDED ACCESS TO THE SENTRIES AND OBI HERE WAS WEAK-WILLED ENOUGH TO LET ME IN.
THAT'S A GOOD IDEA, THOUGH. I'LL MAKE SURE TO TELL THE SPHINX THAT IT WAS YOUR IDEA WHEN WE FINALLY CAPTURE HER.
I GAVE YOU BACK YOUR LOST SHADE. GRIMM, WHY ARE YOUR BROTHERS STILL HUNGRY FOR THE DAUGHTER?
I DON'T GOTTA TELL YOU SHIT!
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ALLO
OKAY. OKAY!
IT'S--UGH! IT'S COLLECTION! DARKLORD'S MAKING COLLECTION! THE SPHINX WAS BEEN PROMISED TO US! DARKLORD IS COLLECTING!
SPHINX?
WHO MADE THE BARTER?
YOU CAN'T JUST GIVE AWAY A SOUL WITHOUT CONSENT. YOU KNOW THIS! DARKLORD'S MADE FALSE CLAIM!
WHO PROMISED THE SPHINX TO YOU? DAMIEN! TELL ME!
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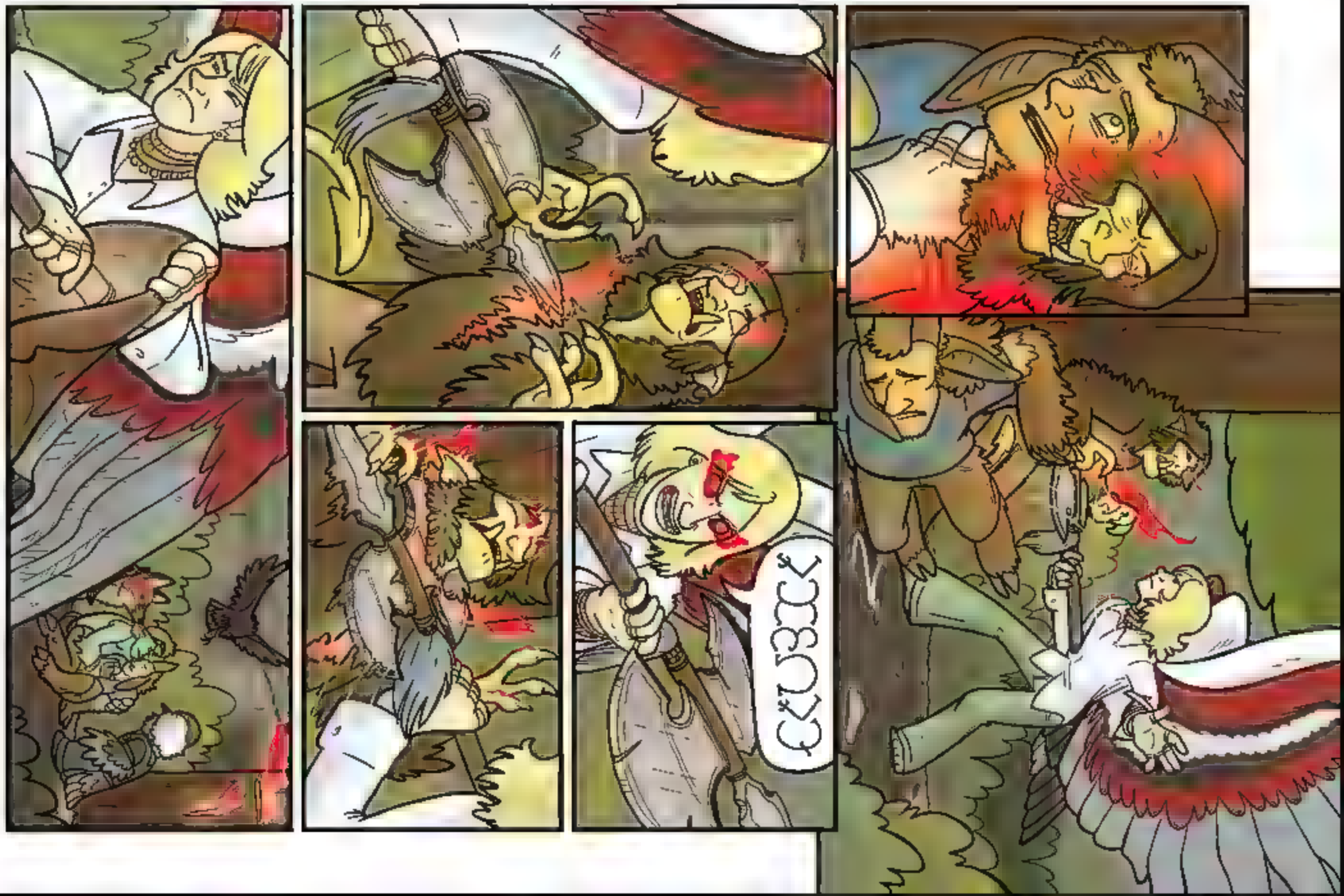

WHERE DID THAT DEMON COME FROM?
FOR THE LOVE OF-- DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU PEOPLE WITH ALL YOUR SECRECY AND PARANOIA DIDN'T NOTICE THAT ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY HAD BEEN INFESTED WITH A DEMON!
ONE OF YOU KNOWS WHERE IT CAME FROM!
I RECALL YA'LL HAD A DEMON 'BOUT A HALF A YEAR BACK, WHAT HAPPENED THERE?
HE LEFT?
JUST LIKE THAT?
MYRA, DO YOU SENSE ANY OTHER DEMONS IN THE AREA?
I'VE BEEN SCANNING THE AREA SINCE I GOT HERE. AIN'T SENSED NOTHIN' OUTSIDE OF THAT ONE, THOUGH.
ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY AT ALL?
BESIDES YOU? MY RADAR IS NOT SHOWING ANYTHING STRANGE, NO.

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MARSHALL AND EUSTACE TOLD ME YOU WERE FRIENDS WITH THOSE DEMONS.
IT'S A COMPLICATED TRUCE.
A TRUCE THEY ARE BREAKING.
DAMIEN'S THE WORST OF THE LOT. THE OTHER TWO CAN BE EASILY DISTRACTED, BUT DAMIEN HAS A ONE-TRACK MIND AND A DEVOTION TO HIS MASTER THAT THE OTHER TWO LACK
YOU MEAN THERE ARE MORE DEMONS??
SHH. OBI. YOU'RE OKAY NOW. YOU'RE OKAY
OBIDIAH, DO YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT THE DEMON?
,COUGH COUGH: IS IT.. IS IT GONE?
I DON'T . I DON'T REMEMBER A LOT I REMEMBER.
IT FELT LIKE FINGERS AROUND MY BRAIN.
MAKING ME DO THINGS I DIDN'T WANT T'DO..
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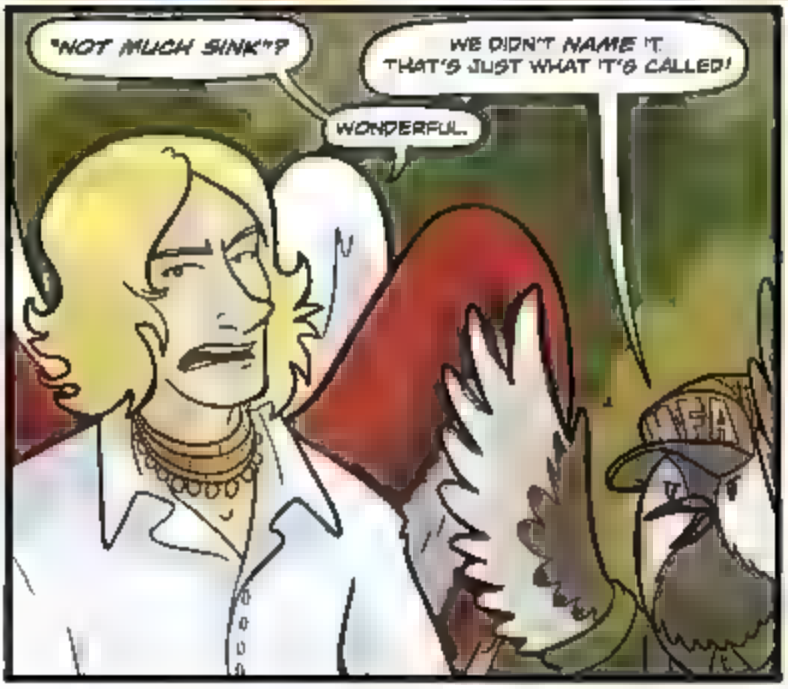
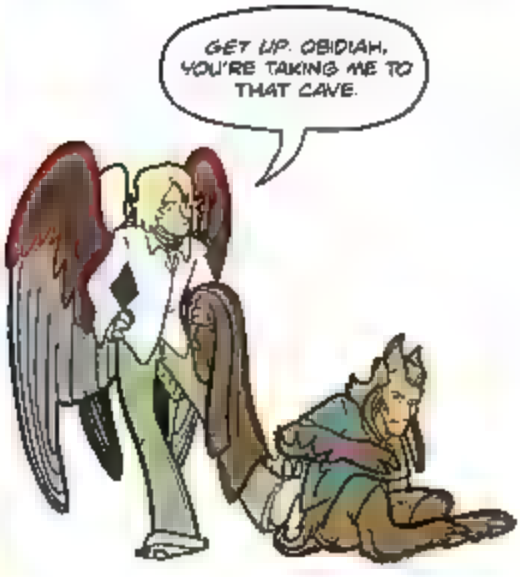
THE DEMONS COME BACK TOO QUICKLY AFTER I SEND THEM BACK. THAT MEANS THERE HAS TO BE A HELLMOUTH CLOSE BY
ANY IDEAS, TRAGOS?
A HELLMOUTH?

THAT'S ONE OF THE CAVES UP AT MYSTIC CAVERNS! MYSTIC, CRYSTAL DOME, AND NOT MUCH SINK.
WHEN DOGPATCH WAS STILL AN AMUSEMENT PARK. TWO OF THEM WERE OPEN FOR SHOW. NOT MUCH SINK WAS TOO DANGEROUS
MYSTIC CAVERNS





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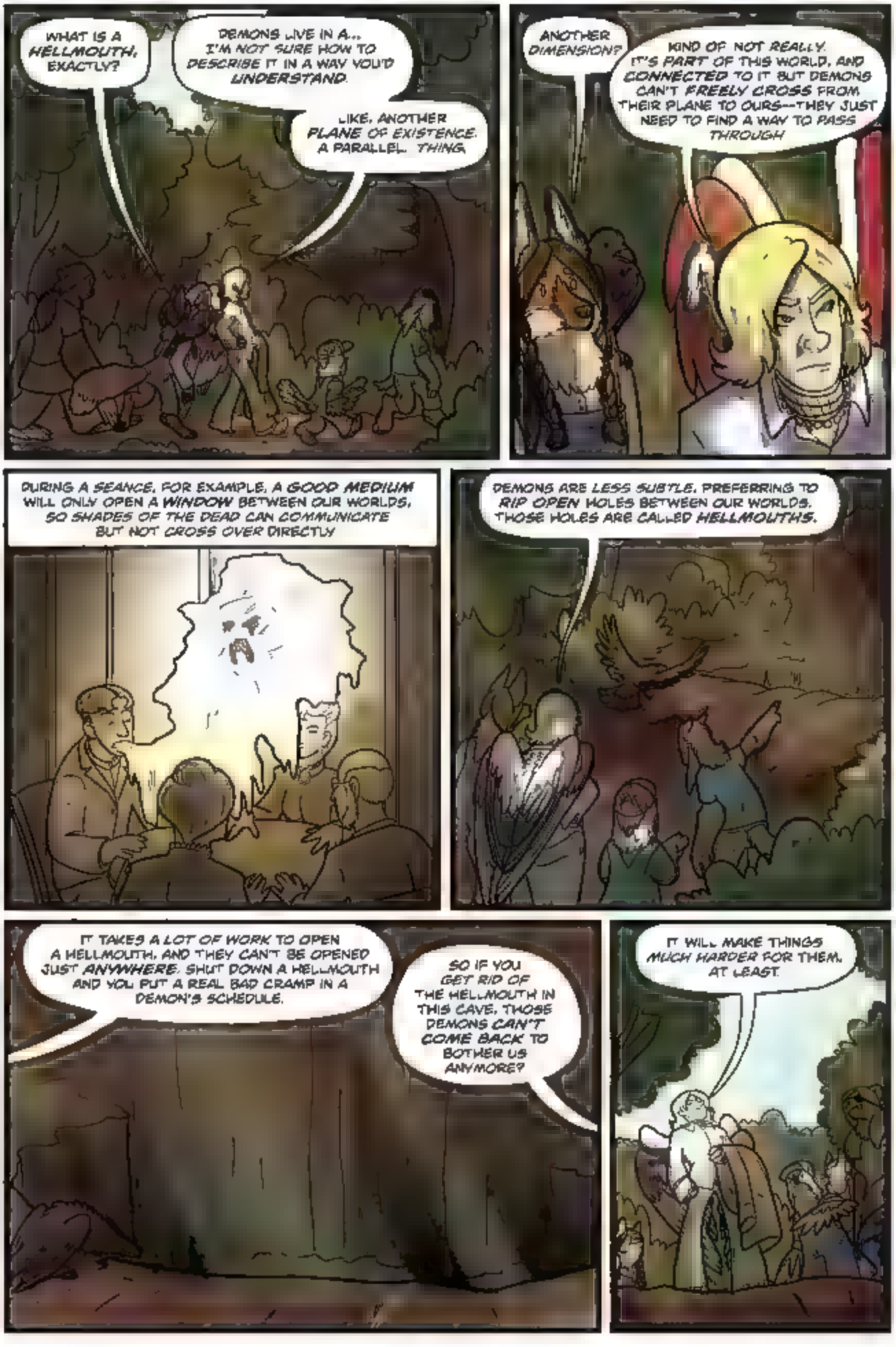
WHAT IS A HELLMOUTH, EXACTLY?
DEMONS LIVE IN A... I'M NOT SURE HOW TO DESCRIBE IT IN A WAY YOU'D UNDERSTAND.
LIKE, ANOTHER PLANE OF EXISTENCE. A PARALLEL THING.
ANOTHER DIMENSION?
KIND OF. NOT REALLY. IT'S PART OF THIS WORLD, AND CONNECTED TO IT BUT DEMONS CAN'T FREELY CROSS FROM THEIR PLANE TO OURS--THEY JUST NEED TO FIND A WAY TO PASS THROUGH
DURING A SEANCE, FOR EXAMPLE, A GOOD MEDIUM WILL ONLY OPEN A WINDOW BETWEEN OUR WORLDS, SO SHADES OF THE DEAD CAN COMMUNICATE BUT NOT CROSS OVER DIRECTLY
DEMONS ARE LESS SUBTLE, PREFERRING TO RIP OPEN HOLES BETWEEN OUR WORLDS. THOSE HOLES ARE CALLED HELLMOUTHS.
IT TAKES A LOT OF WORK TO OPEN A HELLMOUTH, AND THEY CAN'T BE OPENED JUST ANYWHERE. SHUT DOWN A HELLMOUTH AND YOU PUT A REAL BAD CRAMP IN A DEMON'S SCHEDULE.
SO IF YOU GET RID OF THE HELLMOUTH IN THIS CAVE, THOSE DEMONS CAN'T COME BACK TO BOTHER US ANYMORE?
IT WILL MAKE THINGS MUCH HARDER FOR THEM. AT LEAST.

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IT'S.. IT'S DOWN THERE.
I CAN STILL FEEL IT .
ARE YOU DONE WITH ME? I'D RATHER NOT BE NEAR ANY DEMONS. I FIGURE THEY GOT A TASTE FOR ME NOW AND I DON'T WANT TO BAIT THEM ANY MORE THAN I ALREADY HAVE.
YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED, OBIDIAH. I HAVE NO FURTHER NEED OF YOU.
TH-THANK YOU, SIR. ER, MA'AM. UH. ANGEL ERM...OKAY BYE
MYRA, MARSHALL, I MAY NEED YOUR HELP WITH THIS.
WHAT ABOUT US?
KENRY, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO GUARD THE MOUTH OF THIS CAVE WITH THAT SHOTGUN OF YOURS.
YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!
AND ME?
YOU.
.. CAN HOLD MY COAT

THAT WAS A LITTLE HARSH, WEREN'T IT?
WHAT YOU SAID TO EUSTACE?
SWIFTRUNNER'S NOT A FIGHTER. I DIDN'T WANT TO BABYSIT HIM.
YOU ACT LIKE YOU KNOW US. BUT YOU DON'T, ANGEL.
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WELL, THAT EXPLAINS SOME OF THE WEIRD READINGS I'VE BEEN GETTING IN THIS CAVE.
I IMAGINE THAT'S THE THING WE'RE LOOKING FOR, RIGHT?
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SO WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO HERE?
I NEED TO DESTROY IT. BUT I NEED TO GET CLOSE
MYRA, I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU WOULD ENJOY VANQUISHING HELLBEASTS, WOULD YOU?
I'M SURE I COULD FIND SOME WAY TO HAVE A GOOD TIME
RUMBLE
AND MARSHALL, WE COULD USE SOME DISTRACTION. A LARGE UNKINDNESS OF RAVENS, PERHAPS?
rumble...
AN "UNKINDNESS" IS A GROUP OF RAVENS.
I KNOW WHAT AN UNKINDNESS IS!
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO BE DISTRACTING?
RUMBLE

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RUMBLE
CRUNCH
SSSSSSSS
WELP. THAR SHE BLOWS.
I CALL DIBS ON THE eyes.
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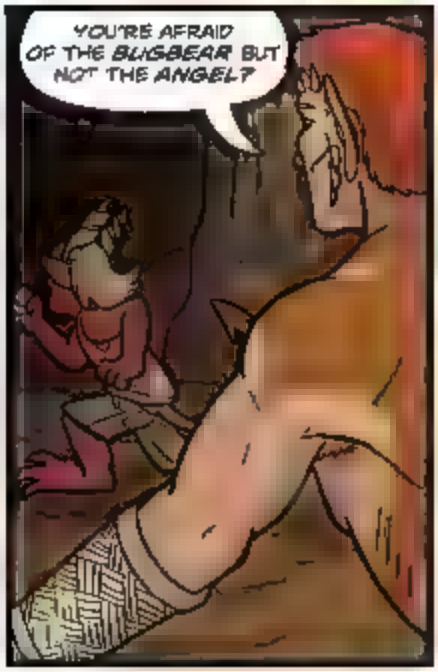

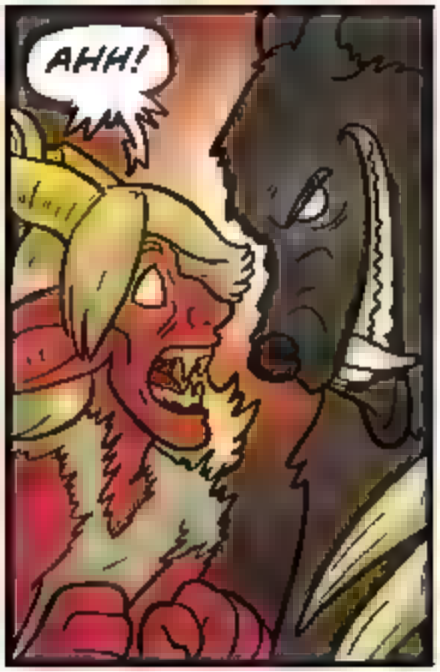

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WHO WANTS A HUG?
NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO
HEY, HEY DON'T DIE, YOU IDIOT
WAKE UP WAKE UP!
DAMMIT, IF YOU DIE WE'RE SO BONED

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SHIT SHIT SHIT SHIT SHIT SHIT SHIT SHIT
SHIT THE HELLMOUTH'S DEAD CRAP CRAP CRAP I CAN'T GET SENT BACK IT'S UP TO ME I GOTTA GET OUT I GOTTA--
IT'S UP TO YOU, MIKE. YOU GOTTA DO IT. SHOW DAMIEN AND AZREAL THAT YOU'RE A WINNER YOU CAN DO IT YOU CAN DO IT.
THE EXIT!!!
I'M FREE I'M FREE I'M FREE I'M FREE!!
HAHAHAHAHA SUCK IT! THIS TIME, MIKHAIL GRIMM COMES OUT ON TO--
--OOOO?
SHIT.

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HOW DID YOU LOSE HIM? YOU WERE HOLDING HIM!
I'M SORRY. IT'S NOT EVERY DAY THAT I GOTTA HANG ON TO A DEMON WHILE AN ANGEL DISINTEGRATES EVERYTHING IN A FIERY BLUE BLAZE OF REALLY CONFUSING WHATEVER-THAT-WAS.
YOU SCRAMBLED MY RADAR!
MARSHALL! GO TO THE ENTRANCE AS FAST AS YOU CAN! IF HE'S NOT TAKEN CARE OF—
YEAH YEAH. BAD THINGS. GOT IT!
MYRA. BE READY. MICHAIL IS AN IDIOT. BUT HE'S MOST DANGEROUS WHEN HE'S RUNNING SCARED.
THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT HE'LL—
MISS ANGEL! WE GOT HIM!
BUT YOU KNEW THAT ALREADY! ALL WENT ACCORDING TO PLAN! THAT'S WHY YOU GAVE ME YOUR COAT AND ASKED ME AN' HANK TO GUARD THE ENTRANCE!
RIGHT?
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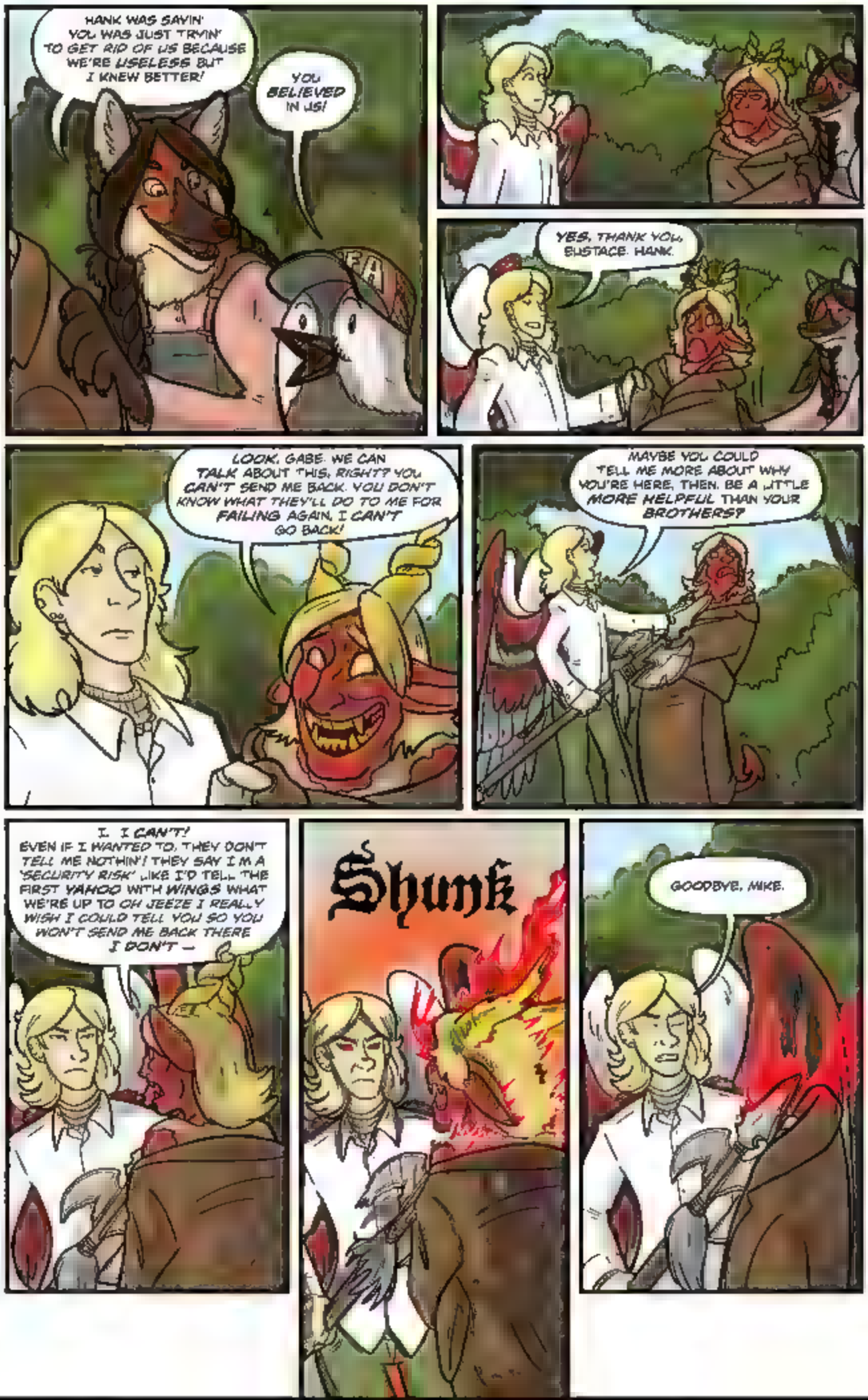
HANK WAS SAYIN' YOU WAS JUST TRYIN' TO GET RID OF US BECAUSE WE'RE USELESS BUT I KNEW BETTER!
YOU BELIEVED IN US!
YES, THANK YOU, EUSTACE. HANK.
LOOK, GABE. WE CAN TALK ABOUT THIS, RIGHT? YOU CAN'T SEND ME BACK. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'LL DO TO ME FOR FAILING AGAIN. I CAN'T GO BACK!
MAYBE YOU COULD TELL ME MORE ABOUT WHY YOU'RE HERE, THEN. BE A LITTLE MORE HELPFUL THAN YOUR BROTHERS?
I. I CAN'T! EVEN IF I WANTED TO, THEY DON'T TELL ME NOTHIN'! THEY SAY I'M A 'SECURITY RISK' LIKE I'D TELL THE FIRST YAHOO WITH WINGS WHAT WE'RE UP TO. OH JEEZE I REALLY WISH I COULD TELL YOU SO YOU WON'T SEND ME BACK THERE I DON'T —
Shunk
GOODBYE, MIKE.

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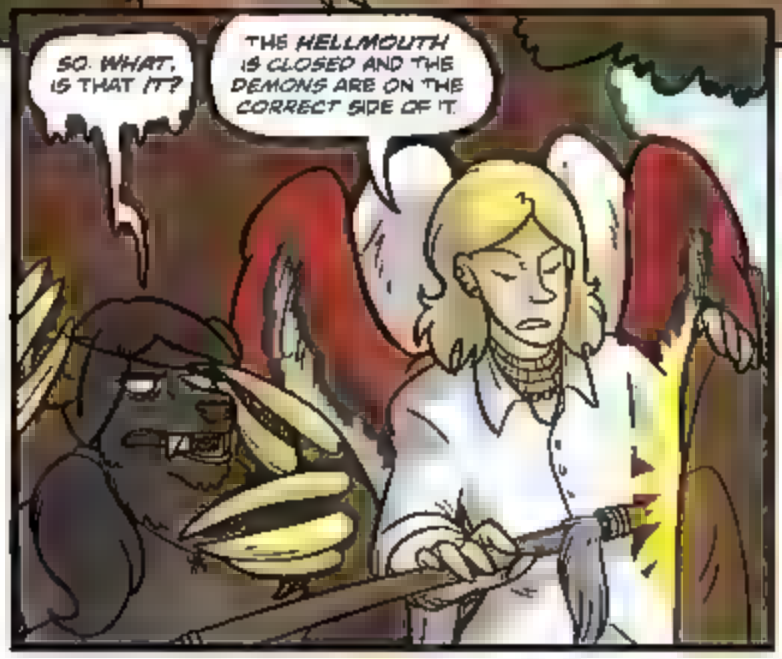
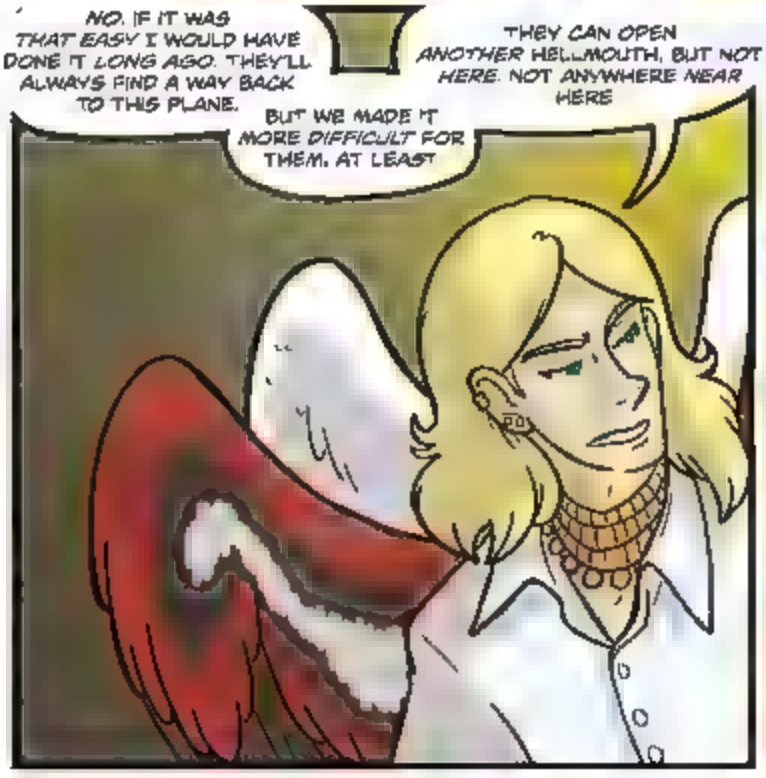
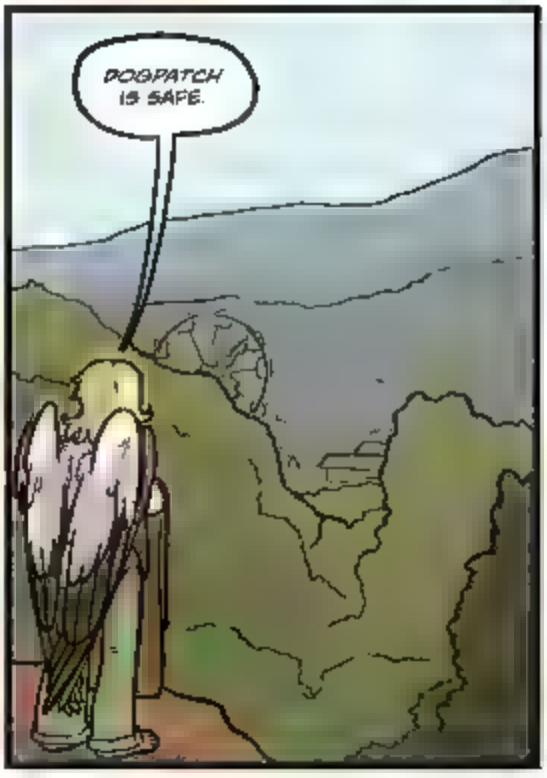



NO. IF IT WAS THAT EASY I WOULD HAVE DONE IT LONG AGO. THEY'LL ALWAYS FIND A WAY BACK TO THIS PLANE.
THEY CAN OPEN ANOTHER HELLMOUTH, BUT NOT HERE. NOT ANYWHERE NEAR HERE
BUT WE MADE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THEM. AT LEAST



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AND WHAT ABOUT THE SPHINX? THEY'LL COME BACK FOR HER, RIGHT?
I'VE NEVER SEEN A DEMON GIVE UP A SOUL THEY THINK BELONGS TO THEM. THEY'LL BE BACK.
THAT DOESN'T SOUND SUPER REASSURING.
I'M NOT A REASSURING BEING.
TROUT FARM
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND A THING ABOUT YOU, GABE.
THAT'S OKAY.
THE END

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I KEEP SENDING YOU AND YOUR BROTHERS BACK TO HELL AND YET YOU KEEP POPPING UP AROUND HERE. WHY IS THAT, I WONDER?
YOU'RE HUNTING ODIN
RELAX, HENRY. NO MATTER HOW MUCH I WANT TO AT TIMES, I AM INCAPABLE OF HARMING ANYONE WHO DOESN'T COMPLETELY DESERVE IT.
ODDUM IS FINE.
ALTHOUGH I'M SURE HE'D FEEL BETTER IF HE DIDN'T HAVE YOUR GREASY LITTLE FINGERS WRAPPED AROUND HIS SOUL. RIGHT, DAMEN?
PRETTY CLEVER. GETTING HOLD OF SOMEONE WITH TIES TO THE SPHINX YOU WANT SO BADLY. TELL ME, DO YOU THINK BY USING A TRAITOR YOU'D BE A STEP CLOSER TO JOCASTA?
COINCIDENCE ONLY, ANGEL. I NEEDED ACCESS TO THE SENTRIES AND OH! HERE WAS MEEK-MILLED ENOUGH TO LET ME IN.
THAT'S A GOOD IDEA, THOUGH. I'LL MAKE SURE TO TELL THE SPHINX THAT IT WAS YOUR IDEA WHEN WE FINALLY CAPTURE HER.
I GAVE YOU BACK YOUR LOST SHADE, ODDUM. WHY ARE YOUR BROTHERS STILL HUNGRY FOR THE DAUGHTER?
I DON'T GOTTA TELL YOU SHIT!
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